

19 IPTs compete at Borneo Staff's Friendly Games 2013

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KUCHING: Sport activities serve as a platform to contribute to positive values such as healthy competition, understanding one another and working with each other, said State Minister of Social Development Tan Sri William Mawan Ikom.

"Therefore, playing sports can give a huge benefit not only to an individual, but an organisation as well," he said during the opening ceremony of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IPT) Borneo Staff's Friendly Games Competition 2013 which was held at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), here, on Monday.

"By successfully organising this big event, this just shows the sense of unity and togetherness among all participating IPT," he said.

The competition started on Feb 3 until Feb 8 2013 at the UNIMAS sports complex with the aim of strengthening ties between the participating IPT who come from Sabah, Sarawak, Indonesia and Brunei.

A total number of 1,400 athletes from 19 IPTs took part, namely UNIMAS, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Universiti Sultan Sharif Ali, Institut Teknologi Brunei, Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan, Universitas Tanjungpura, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universiti Malaysia Sabah Labuan, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Sarawak, UiTM Sabah, Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu, Swinburne University of Technology, Kuching Polytechnic, Mukah Polytechnic, Kota Kinabalu Polytechnic, Kuching Community College, Mas Gading Community College, Institut Perguruan Batu Lintang and Institut Kemahiran MARA Kuching.

The athletes competed in 13 events comprising mixed badminton, men's futsal, women's futsal, veterans' futsal, senior football, men's singles tennis, men's tenpin bowling, women's tenpin bowling, basketball, mixed carrom, men's dart, men's singles ping pong and women's singles ping pong.

Also present during the ceremony was UNIMAS vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Khairuddin Abdul Hamid.



MAWAN (left) accompanied by Dr Khairuddin inspecting the IPTs contingents. PHOTO: JOHN CHAN